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SUBJ: "THAMMASAT 18" TRAIL, JANUARY 23, 1978

REF: BANGKOK 1817

1. TRAIL OF "THAMMASAT 18" RESUMED JAN 23 FOLLOWING ASSURANCES FROM RTG THAT DEFENSE LAWYERS WOULD BE PROTECTED FROM HARASSMENT BY RIGHT WING ELEMENTS. COURTROOM SESSION SCHEDULED FOR LAST WEEK (JAN 16) HAD BEEN POSTPONED AT REQUEST OF DEFENSE ATTORNEYS WHO COMPLAINED OF HARASSMENT AND THREATS FROM RIGHTIST GROUPS OUTSIDE ENTRANCE TO MILITARY COMPOUND WHERE TRIAL IS BEING HELD. CROWDS OF SEVERAL HUNDRED RIGHISTS, REPORTEDLY NCLUDING VOCATIONAL STUDENTS AND "RED GAURS" WHO HAD STAGED COUNTER-DEMONSTRATION AGAINST SUPPORTERS OF THE "THAMMASAT 18", WERE CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT FROM VICINITY OF COURTROOM ON JAN 23.

2. ATMOSPHERE INSIDE COURTROOM CONTINUES TO BE RELAXED AND FREE OF TENSION. DEFENSE ATTORNEYS SPENT ENTIRE DAY'S SESSION CROSS-EXAMINING THE PROSECUTION'S FIRST WITNESS, SAKHON SUWANNA, A POLICE COLONEL WHO HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO
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MONITOR THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL STUDENT CENTER OF THAILAND (NSCT) IN THE EARLY 1970S. THE DEFENSE IS ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH THAT THE NSCT WAS A LEGAL ORGANIZATION, AS OF OCT 6, 1976, INVOLVED IN LEGITIMATE ACTIVITIES. COLONEL SAKHON, THE FIRST OF SOME 82 WITNESSES SCHEDULED TO TESTIFY, IS EXPECTED TO COMPLETE HIS TESTIMONY AT THE NEXT TRIAL SESSION SCHEDULED FOR JAN 30.

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